

## ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINING BOARD[193B]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 544A.29, the Architectural Examining Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “Registration,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment to Chapter 2 reflects a change that resulted from a resolution adopted by the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards (NCARB) at the annual meeting in June 2009. NCARB writes and administers the national Architect Registration Examination and is adopting a five-year rolling clock. The practice of architecture continues to evolve. As a result, NCARB has determined that any examinations taken longer than five years ago no longer reflect current architecture practice. This amendment, with an effective date of January 2011, makes any examination scores older than five years invalid. Further, it purges old examination scores from an applicant’s record for any examination passed prior to January 1, 2006, if the applicant does not pass all remaining divisions of the examination by July 1, 2014. Under prior rule, an applicant received credit permanently for an examination passed prior to January 1, 2006.

The amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 193—Chapter 5.

Consideration will be given to all written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment received on or before January 5, 2010. Comments should be addressed to Glenda Loving, Architectural Examining Board, 1920 S.E. Hulsizer Road, Ankeny, Iowa 50021; or faxed to (515)281-7411. E-mail may be sent to [glenda.loving@iowa.gov](mailto:glenda.loving@iowa.gov).

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 544A.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 2.3(4) as follows:

**2.3(4) Applicants who have previously passed any portion of formerly required NCARB examinations will be granted credit for those portions passed in accordance with procedures established by NCARB. Applicants who have passed one or more but not all divisions of the ARE by January 1, 2006, shall have a rolling five years-year period to pass all each of the remaining divisions. A passing grade for any remaining division shall be valid for five years, after which time the division must be retaken if all remaining divisions have not been passed. The rolling five-year period shall commence after January 1, 2006, on the date when the first division that has been passed is administered. Applicants who have passed no divisions of the ARE by January 1, 2006, shall be governed by the above rolling five-year requirement. The rolling five-year period shall commence on the date when the first division that has been passed is administered. Any division passed prior to January 1, 2006, shall no longer remain valid if all remaining divisions have not been passed by July 1, 2014.**

**Effective January 1, 2011, and thereafter, the Authorization to Test of any applicant shall terminate unless the applicant has passed or failed a division of the ARE within a period of five years, which includes the five-year period prior to January 1, 2011. Any applicant whose authorization is so terminated must establish a new eligibility under the then-current procedures of the board.**